

Church News.

PA. MISSION BOARD.

To the Brethren of Pa. :—Please notice that the Mission Board of Pa. is re-organized as follows: D. Crofford, president; R. Z. Replogle, secretary; Albert Trent, treasurer. Also that brother E. E. Haskins is president of the Self-Denial Band. Farther, please notice that the late State Convention gave us power to choose the evangelist in conjunction with the local organization, where he or they shall work. Now we are waiting for two things, viz., 1st, the money to pay for the work. 2nd, preference expressed by the organizations which are to be cared for by the Mission Board as to the leader in the work. We have so far received the following since the Salisbury Convention. On Self-Denial Pledge

Miss M. M. Sterling,	\$ 5 00
H. Goughnour,	5 00
Mrs M. C. Myers,	1 00
From churches (Quota Money,)	
McKees, D. E. Furry,	2 51
Altoona, " " "	2 24
Highland, McCullough,	4 00
McVeytown,	6 50
Total to Nov. 1,	\$26 25

We are very anxious to engage men in the work but we want the means to do it with. You will notice that one month of Conference year is gone and only \$26.25 or at the rate of \$315 for the year. Brethren, this work will not only require the prayers of the Mission Board and the members of the church but money as well. Now let me say *please don't wait*, and if it is done no sooner let Thanksgiving Day be devoted to said purpose. I have lately been in the eastern field and I believe there are good prospects ahead for the Brethren Church in the east. Once more, please remember that we have *stated monthly meetings* on the 2nd Saturday of each and every month, when we shall expect to consider requests for work and suggestions from District Boards. (It was mutually agreed that since there was no provision otherwise, by Conference, we consider them in the same capacity as in the former year.) Also to consider the report of evangelist's work and orders for payment of the same, when once we have them in the field. So please remember the *monthly meeting*, your responsibility to this work in *prayers* and *money* and God will bless it.

I had the pleasure last Lord's Day, Oct. 25, of baptizing (in Lost Creek) two of the converts of last summer's camp meeting at McAllisterville, Brother Gross

and wife and their confirmation unto the Brethren. God bless them!

R. Z. REPLOGLE, Sec.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Brethren of Indiana :—Most of you no doubt are aware that I have been chosen State evangelist by our last Conference for the ensuing year. Seeing so much to be done and so little time to do work outside of my own congregation I first decided that it would be useless for me to try to do anything. In thinking much over the work I have come to the conclusion that there is some of the work which I can begin and leave the others to carry out. One reason why I hesitated to try to do anything was because I feared too much would be expected of me. But I hope that you will not do this. The beginning of such an important work is the most difficult part of it. We must therefore work carefully and slowly. I have never felt any work more called of God than this work. I do not believe the church has ever undertaken a work fraught with greater consequences than this work. When the Conference recognized the duties of the evangelist and concurred in them and decided that that office should be filled, it replenished the smouldering fires upon God's hilltop of truth. By the light we can see that:

1. *The missing link of Gospel Supervision has been supplied.* Thank God it has come. This means better organization, concentration of effort, and the preservation of our doctrines. Brethren, you will excuse me from exhorting and becoming enthusiastic. It would be a good time to shout, but that would not do the subject justice.

2. *God's law is perfect.* He has been doing all that has been necessary to teach us that. James tells us about "the perfect law of liberty." What I want to say is this: That all this has been accomplished without the aid of church-machinery as some people are blessed with, or, perhaps, think they are. I really want to say this: That when people ask me why we have district evangelists in our church I can point to the several passages in God's perfect law, our only rule, *as authority for it*, and not to a constitution or a series of resolutions passed upon by a little body of workers assembled in the town of Loree, Ind., in the year of our Lord 1896. I thank God for that. I would much rather tell one that the reason why we have certain officers in the church is because God says so, than to say our Conference decided to do so. Would not you?

Now, brethren, I want to be just as great a helper to you as I can. I am not in my position to rule but to help—to help

you to rule as God has directed; to give force if possible to God's plan of redemption. I regret that circumstances are such that I can not be in the field all of my time. But by your co operation I hope to be of some help to both the laity and the ministers.

The Mission Board will be able, I hope, to meet the calls for protracted meetings. I can do but little of such work. I hope their work will not be hampered because of no money with which to do their part. Let everyone do what he can.

Yours for the Cause,

G. W. RENCH.

SALEM CHURCH.

Brother Summers came to us again October 24, preached to us Saturday night. Sunday preached the funeral of Brother Dillon assisted by Brother Welty of Ohio. One received by relation Saturday evening. Received one by baptism at our regular meeting in September. Monday evening we held our communion meeting. There were seventy-one at the tables. Brother Swihart and Brother Teeter of Rossville were with us. Come again brethren as you are ever welcome at Salem. The best of order prevailed. The young people have our thanks for their good behavior. Another communion meeting has passed. Let us one and all ever remember the solemn ceremonies. Let us ever keep in the faith and go on in the right path ever doing our duty.

M. W. EIKENBERRY.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.

A few lines from us may be of interest to some of your readers. We have witnessed some severe trials since our last letter to you. Sister Wise has suffered untold misery with her cancer and is yet suffering, tho patiently on the 9th. We laid to rest our brother in Christ and fellow-laborer, brother John Showalter, who departed this life on the 7 of October, of typhoid fever, after an illness of fifteen days. Brother Showalter was highly respected as a business man and citizen of our city and was pastor of the Brethren Church in Wirt County known as the Prosperity Church, at which place we laid him to rest in the presence of a large and sympathetic crowd. God bless the bereaved friends. On the following day we preached the funeral of Wm. McFee, father of Sister Showalter, who died the day after her husband's death, so you see trouble came to her double handed. On the 11th I left home for Terra Alta, to hold a few meetings and an election for one Speaker and two Deacons which we held on the 17th. Before our communion in the evening the choice fell on brother Spen-